(d) what are the names of the producers of 6-APA to whom import licencer for the import of Penicillin V were granted during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what is the quantity imported by each of them and what was the CIF price?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Issue of licences for the import of Penicillin G and V

1672 SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V, is allowed on the basis of import licences issued by the Chief Controller of Imports;

(b) if so, the number of applications received during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the names of parties and quantity applied;

(c) the names of the parties in whose favour import licences have been issued alongwith the quantity and value of each during the same period;

(d) whether it is a fact that a number of applications are still pending;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what is the policy in this regard and on what basis import licences are issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (f) Import of Penicillin G and Penicillin V is allowed against Supplementary licences granted by the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports. Supplementary licences for imports of Penicillin 'G' are granted on the basis of lifting of the indigenous material in the prescribed ratio. The current ratio is 70 (imported): 30 (indigenous). Imports of Penicillin V is allowed in cases where the unit cannot use Penicillin G, the alternate raw material. Applications of M/s. Pharmachem and M/s. Alembic for import of Penicillin V are pending in the absence of certification that alternate raw material namely, Penicillin G cannot be used by them. The statistical data about total number of applications, quantity applied for, is not being compiled. However, details of licences granted are published in the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences", copies of which are a available in Parliament Library.

Customs duty on bulk drugs

1673. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and intermediates which are charged a concessional rate of customs duty or exempted from customs duty;

(b) what are the names of drugs and intermediates which got the concession in the last budget;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of end products have not been reduced so as to pass on he cancession to the consumers; and

(d) what was the objective of concession and exemption of customs duty and whether the benefit has gone to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The following notifications prescribe concessional rates of customs duty in respect of bulk drugs and intermediates:

1. No. 45/79-Customs dated 1-3-1979.

2. No. 64/79-Customs dated 6-3-1979.